

daughter of Mr. Charles R. Blandy, of Madeira. There was no issue of either marriage. He died at Netherhall, Largs, on December 17, and was laid to rest in Westminster Abbey on December 23; his grave is by the side of that of Sir Isaac Newton.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society 1868 November 13.

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DAVID JOSEPH KENNELLY was born at Cork, Ireland, on October 1, 1831, and was the son of David Nugent Mountjoy Kennelly and Zaida Teresa de la Romana Kennelly, *née* Marquesa de la Romana, of Las Palmas, Minorca. He went to sea as midshipman in 1846, and was rapidly promoted in the service of the Royal East India Company's Navy. He was made second sailing-master of H.M.S. *Meteor* in 1849, and, as master of the frigate *Ferooz*, in 1853 conveyed the 10th Lancers from Cananore to Suez, on their way to the Crimea. In the same year he served on board the frigate *Akbar* on an expedition to the Persian Gulf and the Euphrates, bringing to Bombay Layard's Nineveh slabs now in the British Museum. He was accustomed to compute the daily longitudes as well as latitudes mentally, with the aid of the regular tables, but without pencil or paper. The science of astronomy especially interested him in relation to navigation.

At the outbreak of the Indian Mutiny in 1857 Captain Kennelly was Naval A.D.C. to the Governor of Bombay. He was immediately sent, as master of a frigate, with despatches to the General commanding at the Cape of Good Hope, calling for such troops as South Africa could spare. He brought back to India H.M. 89th regiment of infantry, and landed them into action at the Gulf of Cambay. Returning to Bombay, he assisted in the disarmament of three mutinous sepoy regiments. He was twice mentioned in despatches in recognition of services.

After the Indian Mutiny, Captain Kennelly was appointed a Joint Commissioner of Bombay, and master-attendant in charge of H.M. dockyard at that port. He held this appointment until he retired from Indian service in 1868 and returned to Great Britain. He studied law in London from 1872 to 1876, and was admitted to the bar at the Inner Temple, pleading for some years in the Admiralty Court at Westminster. Later he became a barrister of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, and was appointed a K.C. of the province of Cape Breton. He made his home in Louisburg, Cape Breton, and was for many years connected with the coal-mining industries of that province.

Captain Kennelly received a diploma from the University of Bombay, and was at the time of his death the senior honorary corresponding member of the Royal Geographical Society, whose diploma he received for Oriental geographical research. He died at Sydney, Cape Breton, on August 27, 1907, bequeathing a fund for the maintenance and preservation of a portion of the old French citadel at Louisburg, Cape Breton, and for the protection of its historical relics. He had already presented the land for this pur-

pose to the town of Louisburg. He is survived by ten children. He was elected a Fellow of the Society 1864 January 8.

The Rev. THOMAS PERKINS was educated at Blundell's School, Tiverton, and at Christ's College, Cambridge. He took his degree in 1865, when he was bracketed 20th wrangler, Lord Rayleigh being the senior wrangler that year. He was ordained Deacon in 1868 and Priest in the following year by the Bishop of Durham, and after holding mathematical masterships at Durham and Reading Schools he was in 1878 appointed Headmaster of the Shaftesbury Grammar School. In 1893 he was presented by the Bishop of Salisbury to the living of Turnworth, Dorsetshire, which he held until his death on March 21, in the 65th year of his age. He took great interest in architecture, and was the author of *A Handbook to Gothic Architecture* and of several volumes in "Bell's Cathedral Series." At the time of his death he had just completed a book on Romsey Abbey Church, and was engaged in editing, and partly writing, a book to be entitled *Memoirs of Old Dorset*. He was an enthusiastic photographer, and enjoyed a well-earned reputation for the artistic merit of his work.

Mr. Perkins was elected a Fellow of the Society 1885 June 12.

JAMES GEORGE PETRIE was a native of Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire. He came to London at an early age and engaged in financial journalism. He soon made himself highly respected in the City, and for the last sixteen years had been chief of the reporting staff of the *Financial Times*. He was for a time President of the Shorthand Society in London. He was an ardent volunteer, and on coming to London joined the London Scottish; he left that regiment as a non-commissioned officer to take a commission as second lieutenant in the 21st Middlesex, from which he retired quite recently as a major. He received the V.D. for long service, and was one of the most popular officers in the battalion. He was an original member of the British Astronomical Association, served on the Council 1892-1894, and was Secretary from 1894 until his death, which occurred on September 22, after a long illness. He was in his 60th year. He was twice married, and leaves a widow with four children.

Mr. Petrie was elected a Fellow of the Society 1889 May 10.

THOMAS ROBSON was born at Lisburn, Co. Antrim, on 19th June 1868. He served as a pupil teacher at the Spring Grove Board School, Huddersfield, from 1883 to 1887, as assistant master at Rastrick Grammar School from 1887 to 1889, and at the Ulster Provincial School, Lisburn, from 1890 to 1892. In 1893 he took his B.A. degree at London University, and the next year he returned to his previous post at the Ulster Provincial School. Here he remained until 1897, when he again came to London as a student at the Royal College of Science. He passed the intermediate examination for the B.Sc. in 1899, and the next year he was appointed Science